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Amendments proposals to the European Code for Inland Waterways

Submitted by the International Sava River Basin Commission

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph 5.1 of the programme of work 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/17) to be adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-eighth session (23–26 February 2016).

2. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport (hereafter SC.3) at its fifty-ninth session invited the International Sava River Basin Commission to prepare a proposal on possible improvements of the fifth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 40).

3. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to start the discussion of further amendments to CEVNI. It may wish also to decide on the dates of the next meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group depending on the number of amendment proposals for CEVNI that would have been submitted by its forty-eighth session.

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II. Amendment proposals to Articles 4.01, 6.31, 6.35, 7.03 and 7.08

4. *Amend* paragraph 1, subparagraph (b) of Article 4.01, "General" *as follows:*

1. When sound signals other than bells are prescribed in these regulations or any other provisions applicable, they shall be given:

(a) On motorized vessels, except small craft unless these are vessels with radar equipment, by means of mechanically operated sound signalling devices, placed sufficiently high that the sound signals can spread freely to the front and if possible also to the back; the signalling devices shall conform to the requirements laid down in chapter I of annex 6 of these regulations;

(b) On non-motorized vessels and motorized small craft whose equipment does not include a sound signalling device, by means of a suitable trumpet or horn; such sound signals shall conform to the requirements of chapter I, ~~paragraphs 1 (b) and 2 (b),~~ of annex 6 to these regulations.

Clarification:

In CEVNI 5 there are no paragraphs 1 (b) and 2 (b) in chapter I of annex 6.

5. *Amend* paragraph 2 of Article 6.31, "Sound signals when stationary" *as follows:*

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 above shall not apply to vessels in a pushed convoy other than the pusher. In the case of a side-by-side formation, they shall apply only to one vessel in the formation. In the case of a towed convoy, they shall apply only to the towing vessel ~~and the last vessel in the convoy~~.

Clarification:

If the last vessel is non-motorized vessel (towing barge), which is usually the case, it will not be possible to use the radiotelephone and there is no sense for two vessels in the same towed convoy to use the radiotelephone and to indicate the position of the convoy.

6. *Amend* paragraph 2 of Article 6.35, "Water skiing and similar activities" *as follows:*

2. The boatmaster of the towing vessel shall be accompanied by a person responsible for the tow and for supervision of the ~~skier~~ **towed objects and persons** and competent for those purposes.

Clarification:

The article is not about only water skiing but also about similar activities which can mean also towing other objects with persons (inflated rafts, rubber bananas) and towing of the paragliders. In that case supervision in the paragraph 2 must be ensured for such objects.

7. *Amend* paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 7.03, "Anchoring and use of telescopic piles (spuds)" *as follows:*

3. The competent authority may extend the application of paragraphs 1 ~~and 2~~ to telescopic piles (spuds).

4. In case **paragraph 1** ~~this article~~ is extended to the use of spuds, in sections where anchoring is prohibited under the provisions of paragraph 1 (a) ~~and (b)~~ above, vessels, assemblies of floating material and floating establishments may use spuds only in sectors marked by the sign E.6.1 (annex 7) and only on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed.

Clarification:

If the use of spuds is specifically forbidden with the sign on one sector there is no sense to allow the use of spuds in that same sector with another sign.

8. *Amend* Article 7.08, "Watch and surveillance" *as follows:*

1. An efficient watch shall be kept continuously on board of vessels lying in the fairway.

2. An efficient watch shall be kept continuously on board stationary vessels carrying the markings provided for in article 3.14. However, the competent authorities may exempt vessels berthed in harbour basins from this requirement.

3. An efficient watch shall be kept continuously on board of passenger vessels while passengers are on board.

4. An efficient watch kept on one vessel in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 can be responsible for the watch on the several other vessels referred to in these paragraphs only in case when vessels are coupled together in such a way that the safe crossing from one to other is provided for.

~~4.~~ **5.** All other berthed vessels, assemblies of floating material and floating installations shall be kept under surveillance by a person capable of acting quickly if the need arises, unless such surveillance is rendered unnecessary by local conditions or is waived by the competent authorities.

~~5.~~ **6.** When the vessel has no boatmaster, the responsibility for setting up such a watch or surveillance shall lie with the operator and, in case the operator is not identifiable, with the owner.